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REPORTS SABOTAGE, POLITICAL ARRESTS

SABOTAGE AT BUDAPEST RAILROAD STATION -- New York, Riportok es Hirek Magyarorszagrol, 30 Sep 50

News of the recent acts of sabotage in the West Station of Budapest has spread all over the city. Since the end of July, the engines of six freight trains have been found damaged, immediately before starting, resulting in the disruption of the entire schedule. On the night of 19 August, a freight train loaded with explosives leaving the West Station for Zahony was derailed in the vicinity of the Arena Street underpass. No lives were lost, and there was no explosion, but explosives strewn about from the peaceful looking train caused a panic among the railroad maintenance workers.

On 27 August, unknown persons flooded the No 3 repair unit of the West Station engineering division and also rendered four locomotives inoperable. At the same time, during the first 2 weeks of the fall peak rail traffic competition, only 60 percent of the West Station completed its plan, and it finally became necessary to enforce adherence to the schedule.

The latest act of sabotage occurred on 8 September and involved a train which was allegedly carrying gift packages, but was loaded with canned meat and fats for North Korea. As the train left the station, the last three cars broke loose and one of them overturned. Five railroad shop foremen were brought before the military court and 18 railroad workers were dismissed.

PARTY BUILDING SABOTAGED AT VECSES -- New York, Riportok es Hirek Magyarorszagrol, 16 Sep 50

The Communist Party center is constructing new buildings at Vecses to house the entire administrative offices of the party. At the end of August, the side of one of the buildings under construction collapsed, killing three workers. Investigation was fruitless. Four days later, the concrete mixer was rendered inoperative preventing further construction. After 9 days of

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work, it was discovered that the mortar used in one of the buildings had been mixed with too much water and the existing construction had to be torn down to prevent collapse. The damage due to sabotage was estimated at a half million forints.

BLOW UP FREIGHT CARS LOADED WITH AMMUNITION -- New York, Riportok es Hirek Magyarorszagrol, 2 Sep 50

Between Balatonalmadi and Fuzfo, near Fuzfo, two freight cars loaded with ammunition were blown up by unidentified persons on 6 August. The railroad track was damaged so extensively that on 11 August it was still out of order. The political police have arrested 20 persons, most of them kulaks.

SENTENCE CONSPIRATORS -- New York, Riportok es Hirek Magyarorszagrol, 30 Sep 50

On 26 August, the Szeged County Court secretly sentenced Jozsef Halapi and Sandor Nyilasi to death for conspiring to overthrow the government by force. Twenty-six other persons received sentences of from 3 to 15 years of hard labor. Included among them was Ferenc Joo, who was sentenced to 4 years hard labor. Joo was elected Mako representative of the Hungarian Independence Party in 1947. Dr Jozsef Sukrei was given 3 years detention for failing to report the crime. Those sentenced were mostly independent tradesmen and craftsmen.

DR ISTVAN RIESZ UNDER HOUSE ARREST -- New York, Riportok es Hirek Magyarorszagrol, 9 Sep 50

On the instructions of Matyas Rakosi, Dr Istvan Riesz and his wife have been transferred from the AVH (State Security Authority) prison to their home, where they are kept under arrest.

Dr Dezso Nagy, former business associate of Istvan Riesz, and his wife are still in the AVH prison.

COLLECTING CAMP FOR DEPORTEES - New York, Riportok es Hirek Magyarorszagrol, 2 Sep 50

Deportees en route to the USSR are first taken to a collecting camp at Raho. Even after several weeks' detention at the camp, the deportees are still kept in ignorance as to whether they will stay at Raho or will be sent to the USSR.

ARREST LEADING SOCIALISTS -- New York, Riportok es Hirek Magyarorszagrol, 2 Sep 50

Reports from Budapest confirm the news of the arrest of George Marosan, Istvan Riesz, and Imre Vajda, leading Socialists. These men are to be tried in a huge, sensational trial, the object of which will be to prove that sabotage acts in the plants were committed on the instigation of Western agents.

ARREST MAGAZINE EDITOR -- New York, Riportok es Hirek Magyarorszagrol, 9 Sep 50

It is reported that Ferenc Vasarhelyi, editor of the weekly Kepest Figyelo (Pictorial Observer) has been arrested.

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Kepes Figyelo has been published since 1945 as an independent periodical, although its editor has served the Communist regime well. Apparently the regime no longer has any use for an "independent" publication and it is expected that the arrest of Vasarhelyi will be followed by the discontinuance of the periodical.

ARREST MORE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS -- New York, Riportok es Hirek Magyarorszagrol, 9 Sep 50

The AVH continues to arrest former Social Democratic city mayors. Recently, Istvan Udvaros, former mayor of Gyor, who has sharply opposed the Communist regime from the beginning, has been arrested.

Joseph Tolnai, Mayor of Pecs, who had been a leader of the Social Democratic Party until 1947, has likewise been arrested.

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